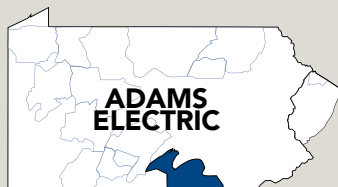




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From the CEO/General Manager



It's time to shift and save

By Steve Rasmussen

WHILE representing only 12% of consumers, rural electric cooperatives account for 27% of all reported peak demand savings — more per consumer than any other utility class. Nonetheless, co-ops are interested in improving or expanding existing programs.

For many electric cooperatives, peak demand charges comprise a significant portion of their annual electricity cost. Reducing these charges involves the active participation of the co-op's membership. During times of high electricity demand, Adams sends notifications to enrolled participants that ask members to reduce their electricity use during these peak times and encourage members to shift electricity use to other non-peak periods of the day or week.

This is called load control — the ability to regulate the amount of electricity that a load can consume — which helps reduce energy demand and maintain grid stability. Residential load control programs primarily consist of what we refer to as U-Shift switches that react to signals sent by the co-op to in-home devices, prompting a temporary shut-off of certain appliances that consume large quantities of electricity.

Direct load control programs have been in operation for over three decades and are considered a staple of utility demand response efforts. Our U-Shift switches interrupt appliances for a set amount of time, typically mid-day hours in the summer. Because heating and cooling account for nearly half of the energy used in a residence, our programs focus on the HVAC load, but are also used with water heaters, clothes dryers,


pool pumps, EV chargers, etc.

Our U-Shift, U-\$ave program is well-established, and about 10,000 of our 30,000 members are equipped with U-Shift switches in their homes. The demand reduction produces savings between 0.75 kilowatt (kW) and 1.3 kW per participant. But we need more!

Members are asked to conserve energy by shifting their use of major appliances to before 1 p.m. and after 7 p.m. on hot weekday afternoons. This is free and easy to do. Specifically, members are encouraged to:

- ▶ Move the use of air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes washers and dryers, pool pumps, and dehumidifiers to seasonal off-peak times.
- ▶ Try grilling instead of heating up your oven for dinner.
- ▶ Take shorter showers during "on-peak" times.
- ▶ Set thermostats to 78 degrees or above in the summer.
- ▶ Turn off unnecessary lighting.
- ▶ Unplug unnecessary chargers and devices.

Other ways to participate include installing a U-Shift switch on your electric water heater. Participating members receive a \$10 monthly bill credit for as long as the switch remains installed and active. Add an off-peak switch to your electrical subpanel and receive a reduced rate for all the power that flows through it.

More participants mean more savings for everyone. That's the cooperative business model at work. Learn more about these programs at adamsec.coop, or by calling 1-800-726-2324. 

COMMUNITYconnections

POWERING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Shippensburg Community Fair returns

By Thomas Hand, Penn Lines Correspondent

THE Shippensburg Community Fair is scheduled to return this month, from July 26-31. The fair was canceled last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but this year, residents of south-central Pennsylvania will once again be able to enjoy the rides, exhibits, live performances, and everything else that the fair has to offer.

The event, which is expected to draw tens of thousands of visitors over the course of six days, began back in 1958 as a small Future Farmers of America (FFA) fair organized by Frank Lerew, who was the agricultural instructor at Shippensburg Area High School. The first Shippensburg Community Fair ran for only three days in downtown Shippensburg, but its success meant that the next year it was moved to the Shippensburg Fairgrounds along Possum Hollow Road where it's been held ever since. This will be the fair's 63rd year and in all that time it has only continued to grow.

"I think one of the keys to the fair's success is balancing the old with the new — that is, our fair board's goal is to plan a fair each year that has plenty

of the things that people have come to expect (great food, entertainment, exhibits, etc.), but also mix in a variety of new things as well," says Jamie Rhine, the fair's assistant treasurer and public relations coordinator.

A Shippensburg native, Rhine has been involved with the fair since he was in high school. He was responsible for developing the fair's first website, which he continues to maintain to this day. And, as with everyone serving on the fair's board and various committees, his involvement is entirely volunteer.

Rides, games, and live entertainment are a big part of the fair's experience, but the Shippensburg Community Fair began with a focus on agriculture, craftsmanship, and education at its core.

"One thing in particular that I hope everyone takes a few minutes to appreciate is the wide variety of competitive exhibits," Rhine says. "We have individuals from all over the area who look forward to the fair each year so they can enter exhibits in a multitude of categories, such as fruits and vegetables, art and photography, handcrafts, needlework, baked goods, and more. In addition, many



PRESENT DAY: The fair has grown dramatically over the last half-century, with permanent buildings replacing tents and other temporary structures.

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local youth organizations and individuals exhibit their livestock, dairy cattle, horses, and other live animals that they work so hard year-round to raise."

2020 was the first time in its history that the Shippensburg Community Fair had to be canceled, which was heartbreaking both for the community and for the volunteers who work year-round to make the fair possible. But the fair board is confident that this summer, as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Pennsylvania Department of Health continue to revise guidelines, they will be able to hold a fun, safe event with minimal impact on visitors.

The fair has always been free admission, and food vendors are all from local, non-profit organizations. This gives fair-goers a chance to enjoy great home cooking while showing support for the community. So, mark the last week of July on your calendar and plan to celebrate the return of a Shippensburg tradition. For more information, visit shippensburgfair.com. 🌟



LOOKING BACK: The first Shippensburg Community Fair was held in 1958. Its success meant that it had to be relocated from downtown Shippensburg to the Shippensburg Fairgrounds.

Membership votes to allow minute review

DURING April and May, members cast their general election ballots for the cooperative, reseating three incumbent directors and supporting the recommendation of the cooperative to clear its books of unsigned meeting minutes.

By an overwhelming majority, the membership passed a special member vote to allow the cooperative's board of directors to sit as a Minute Review Committee and approve two years of outstanding annual meeting minutes, 2019 and 2020.

Just over 11% of the membership participated in the election, either in person at a drive-thru event, or by mail or electronic ballot. With no contested elections, directors Ray Schwartz, Zone 1; Dale Myers, Zone 5, and Gene Herritt, Zone 8, retain their seats on the cooperative board for new three-year terms.

The results of the election were presented by the co-op's Credentials & Election Committee, a group of 12 member-volunteers who helped to review petitions, collect and count in-person votes, and met online May 20 to certify all results.

Following the end of the election



VOTE COUNTING: Election Committee member volunteers tally general election ballots cast in person during a drive-thru event held at the York District office. Members could also vote before the event by mail or electronic ballot.

cycle, the board of directors held a reorganizational meeting May 24, during which Glenn Bange of Hanover was re-elected to serve his third term as board president, Nadine Hubner of Felton was re-elected to her third term as board vice president, Jay Grove of

Shippensburg was re-elected as board secretary, and Tom Knaub of Wellsville was re-elected board treasurer.

Adams Electric Directors Jay Grove and Gene Herritt retain their board seats at the statewide level, with Grove serving as president of Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Herritt sitting on the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Cooperative board, both in Harrisburg. Herritt also continues to serve at the national level as a board member with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in Arlington, Va.

In addition, the co-op held three drive-thru events in mid-May in place of its typical one-day annual membership meeting. The events drew a record crowd for the cooperative compared to recent years. Nearly 1,500 members and guests attended in one of three locations — Gettysburg, Shippensburg, or York. That's nearly 850 memberships accounted for in attendance. Each membership received a bill credit, and a gift and a meal were provided for each person in attendance. ☀



IN-PERSON CONTACT: Director Ray Schwartz talks to members as they travel through the cooperative's drive-thru member meeting in May. Members could pull over to converse with board or staff members.

Member satisfaction survey coming in July

THIS JULY, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) market research team will be reaching out to randomly selected Adams Electric members with residential accounts by phone or email to measure their satisfaction with Adams Electric.

The survey will make this assessment by using the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI), an economic indicator that measures the satisfaction rates of consumers across the nation, based on goods and services consumed. These scores are then compared to other local utilities and

cooperatives nationwide.

The co-op has been surveying its members since 2002, and in 2012, it began completing the member satisfaction survey every three years. This year's survey, which was postponed in 2020 due to COVID-19, will include questions focusing on daily cooperative operations and this year's updated drive-thru annual meeting.

"Knowing what our members think is important to the co-op business model, especially after an unusual year," says CEO/General Manager Steve Rasmussen. "Our members are

not only using our service but are the cooperative owners. Their opinions are considered in every decision the cooperative makes."

Participation in the survey is voluntary, but the results help the cooperative in making decisions concerning member engagement and member satisfaction. It takes an average of 10 minutes to participate in the survey. The NRECA team will contact approximately 400 members by either phone or email. We hope that if you are contacted you will choose to participate. 🌞

Safety videos available

With the lost opportunities to get before our schools and first responders during COVID-19, the co-op took the opportunity in early 2021 to work with Community Media to produce two safety videos.

Our low- and high-voltage safety presentations were recorded for distribution via DVD and on our website, adamsec.coop. As government restrictions loosen, we look forward to getting back in front of our live audiences again. However, the safety videos are available for use at any time.

Please reach out to our safety specialists for more information or to schedule a presentation or discussion. Call 1-800-726-2324 for details. 🌞



SAFETY FIRST: Mark Wherley of Community Media of Adams County records a section of the cooperative's high-voltage safety demonstration as participants Mike Johnson, key accounts/senior safety specialist, left, and Max Rinehart, journeyman first class, explain and replicate a live presentation.

Finance department restructures

Sheila Neil has accepted a billing associate position within the Finance Department at the co-op. Neil began her new role at the Gettysburg Headquarters Office June 1. She started with Adams as a part-time member services representative (MSR) in November 2004, then became a full-time MSR in October 2011.

Also, effective June 1, Cortney Knotts moved from accounting associate to billing associate with the position expanded to include some accounting functions.

Penny Hoover, service dispatcher I, will also assume accounting responsibilities while continuing her current role as dispatcher.

These changes allow the co-op to maintain our current workforce, using our existing resources, but with more cross-training ability and knowledge transfer opportunities among several positions. 🌞



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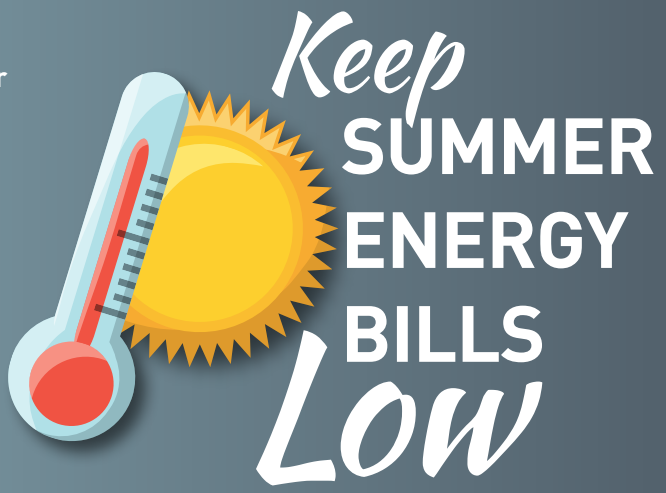
Unplug unnecessary items, like gaming consoles and chargers.



Turn off unnecessary lighting.

High temperatures don't have to mean higher energy bills. Here are more ideas to keep your electricity bill affordable this summer.

- Set your thermostat to 78 degrees or higher. Better yet, use a programmable thermostat that automatically adjusts the set temperature times when you know you'll be out of the house.
- Keep your air conditioning unit filters clean. A clean unit is an efficient unit.
- Block the sun coming from your windows with blinds and drapes.



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